

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR DR. VIDYA KORA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana, which will host its 36th Annual Gala on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Halls of Saint George in Schererville, Indiana. The Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana has always been an outstanding asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana while focusing on compassion for others, improving patient care, and lighting the way for change.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Indian Medical Association will present the Lifetime Achievement Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, and my good friend, Dr. Vidya Kora. For his outstanding contributions to his community, he is to be commended.

As a young boy in India, Vidya Kora's passion for his field emerged, leading him toward a lifetime of service in the medical community. It was after completing his studies at Gandhi Medical School in Hyderabad, India, in 1978, that Dr. Kora came to the United States. He completed his internship at Edgewater Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, followed by his residency in internal medicine at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. Dr. Kora was selected to serve as chief resident from January to July of 1986. Upon completion, he joined the team at the Marion VA Medical Center in Marion, Illinois, where he served our nation's veterans.

Dr. Kora's remarkable résumé reflects not only his profession but also his devotion to public service. As a member of the Indiana Medical Association, he has served on its Commission on Legislation, as both Vice-Speaker and Speaker of its House of Delegates, and as the President of the Indiana State Medical Association from 2006 to 2007. He is also a current delegate to the American Medical Association. A tireless advocate for the improvement of his community, Dr. Kora is also a board member for Unity Foundation of LaPorte County and chairs the Northern Indiana Regional Board of the Franciscan Alliance. He has further served the residents of Michigan City and LaPorte County in numerous capacities. He has been a board member for the Michigan City Area Schools and served two terms as LaPorte County Coroner, while also completing two terms as LaPorte County Democratic Chairman. Dr. Kora has continued to seek an improved quality of life for his community while in his second term as LaPorte County Commissioner. As a public servant, Dr. Kora has always sought the betterment of our nation's health care system, so it is no surprise that he is also very active in the American Medical Association and Board of Indiana Medicine's political action committees.

Dr. Kora's passion for medicine and commitment to the people he serves is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. Dr. Kora and his loving wife, Sudha, have one daughter, Shilpa, and one son, Rishi, both of whom are physicians specializing in internal

medicine and have made their parents very proud as they follow in their father's footsteps.

Dr. Kora is committed to his family, to improving the lives of the patients he treats, and serving selflessly to enhance the quality of life of all those who live in Northwest Indiana. His is a life we should all seek to emulate. It is an honor to call Dr. Vidya Kora my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana, as well as this year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Dr. Vidya Kora, for their outstanding contributions to the medical field, as well as to their communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

IN HONOR OF SIRVART
HOVNANIAN ON THE OCCASION
OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SAINT STEPANOS ARMENIAN AP-
OSTOLIC CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sirvart Hovnanian as she is honored by Saint Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church in Elberon, New Jersey with an award to be presented by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. I would also like to join with the Saint Stepanos parish in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the church and marking the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Armenian parish in Elberon.

The Saint Mary Church parish in Elberon began 60 years ago, with 25 members worshipping during summer services. As the Armenian population in the area continued to grow, Kevork and Sirvart Hovnanian saw a need for a larger and rejuvenated place of worship. Born of the vision and philanthropic support of the Hovnanians, Saint Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church stands on the site of the former Saint Mary Church. Saint Stepanos was consecrated on June 14, 1987 and the church hall was named "Kevork and Sirvart Hovnanian Hall" in honor of the benefactors.

Sirvart Hovnanian is a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and carries on the philanthropic spirit she shared with her husband. Sirvart, along with her late husband, has always recognized the meaning of generosity and has spent her life working to make a difference in the world. An esteemed member of the Armenian community and a passionate philanthropist, Sirvart has been a supporter and partner in the many charitable endeavors undertaken along with her late husband, including the establishment of The Fund for Armenian Relief following the country's 1988 earthquake, the building of the Alton A. Hovnanian Emergency Care Center at River-view Medical Center, and the donation of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Saint

Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church, the Armenian parish of Elberon and Sirvart Hovnanian for their continued support of the Armenian people and culture. I know that I join with all who know Sirvart in expressing my sincere gratitude for her warm and giving nature and her immeasurable contributions to our community.

HONORING MS. DOROTHY SHIELDS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of Ms. Dorothy Shields who was a tireless advocate for the community of Red Hook, Brooklyn.

As a resident and community advocate, Ms. Shields played numerous roles in bettering the lives of Red Hook's citizens. As Resident Association President of Red Hook Houses East for 37 years, she was a voice for tenants' rights and many of the most vulnerable community members. As an advocate for community development and job creation, Ms. Shields was instrumental in luring new businesses to Red Hook.

Ms. Shields was also a dedicated public servant who spent time working for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) as a community service aide and for the New York City Board of Education as a paraprofessional.

The mother of six children, all of whom attended school in Red Hook, Ms. Shields passed along values of public service to her children, who went on to work in city services including NYCHA and the New York City Police Department. We mourn her passing and cherish her legacy.

HONORING COACH ROBERT
HUGHES' NAISMITH MEMORIAL
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME IN-
DUCTION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert Hughes, local Fort Worth legend, for helping to bridge the divide of the segregated college basketball community in Texas and for his commitment to developing all-star athletes on and off the court.

Robert Hughes was born May 15, 1928 as the youngest of five brothers. A phenomenal man who served our country during the Korean War, Coach Hughes is widely recognized for his successful basketball career. Hughes played college basketball at Texas Southern University. In 1955, he was drafted to the Boston Celtics, but instead played for the Harlem Magicians. During his time with the Harlem Magicians, Coach Hughes ruptured his Achilles tendon and began his legendary coaching career.

From 1958 to 1973, Hughes coached the then-segregated Fort Worth I.M. Terrell High School basketball team, with an astonishing record of 378–84. The I.M. Terrell team played in the Prairie View Interscholastic League

(PVIL). Hughes won three PVIL championships and placed second during two more tournaments during his time at Terrell. When public schools desegregated in 1973, I.M. Terrell was closed and Hughes forged an impressive career at Fort Worth Dunbar High School.

Coach Hughes remained at Fort Worth Dunbar until he retired in 2005 with an astonishing overall career record of 1,333–264. He had the most wins in the entire nation until recently when Coach Leta Andrews surpassed his record. During his 47 seasons at Dunbar, Coach Hughes led his teams to victory while also transforming the lives of thousands of students. As a coach, he broke the racial divide and bridged the gap between communities. For 50 years, the Southwest Conference denied entry to African-American high school athletes. Coach Hughes navigated around the prejudiced policies and created relationships with the Big Ten, Pacific 8 and Missouri Valley Conferences so that all of his players could be offered the same opportunities as their white counterparts.

In February 2015, Coach Hughes' career was commemorated in a feature-length documentary about his career called "Relentless". The film captured the accomplishments of Hughes and his impact on the Texas basketball community.

Today, we recognize Robert Hughes for his induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Coach Hughes will join the more than three hundred inductees in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and finally inducted during the weekend of September 7, 2017.

I honor Coach Robert Hughes, a pillar of the Fort Worth and Texas athletic community.

IN HONOR OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ruth Hyman, who was recently honored by Congregation Brothers of Israel in Long Branch, New Jersey for her contributions to the synagogue and the greater community.

Throughout Ms. Hyman's long and vibrant life, she has maintained her mission to serve the community. Her work and generosity have been recognized by many awards and tributes over the years and it is my honor to join with Congregation Brothers of Israel in lauding her achievements and philanthropy.

The daughter of Ida and David Hyman who were founding members of Congregation Brothers of Israel, Ruth Hyman has a strong connection to the synagogue and remains an active member. Ms. Hyman's commitment to the Jewish community extends beyond Congregation Brothers of Israel with her support of Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family and Children's Service and the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group's Judaic pastoral care hospice program, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Ruth Hyman for her immeasurable contributions to the community. Ms. Hyman's tireless efforts and dedication to philanthropy are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RETIREMENT OF MR. MARCUS W. MALCZEWSKI, SR.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to recognize Mr. Marcus W. Malczewski, Sr. and to wish him well upon his retirement from his position as Lake County Highway Superintendent. Mr. Malczewski's fifty-five years of service to the people of Lake County are to be commended. In honor of Marcus's lifetime of service, a surprise retirement celebration was held on Thursday, August 31, 2017, at Gamba Ristorante in Merrillville, Indiana.

Marcus W. Malczewski was born in 1937 and raised in Gary, Indiana. After graduating from high school, he worked in construction in Alaska, which had not yet obtained its statehood. Marc went on to attend Indiana University before beginning his career as a driver for the Lake County Highway Department in 1962. Two years later, he transferred to the engineering department. In 1982, Marc was appointed assistant superintendent, a position he held until 1993, before being named superintendent of the Lake County Highway Department.

Throughout his remarkable fifty-five-year career, Marc has been an outstanding leader and helped build an economy in Northwest Indiana. Among his many accomplishments, Marc directed the repair and improvement of more than 1,000 miles of roads and over 100 bridges. Throughout the years, Mr. Malczewski worked to ensure a safe work environment, providing a plethora of assistance for all highway employees. Given his concerns for employee safety and to maximize their efficiency, Marc developed and implemented a program designed to test the skills of drivers and operators. Also, he oversaw the installation of GPS systems in all department automobiles, trucks, and powered equipment. He continued to implement new products and techniques for maintenance and construction and developed a positive relationship between the highway department and other county agencies. For his unwavering dedication to public service, Marcus Malczewski is worthy of the highest praise.

Marc's excellence in his field is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He and his beloved late wife, Marilyn, have three wonderful children, seven grandchildren, and three adoring great-grandchildren, with three more on the way.

I am honored to call Marc Malczewski my friend. We should all be blessed with such wonderful friendships. More importantly, Marc has been a friend to all, a gentleman in the truest sense of that word, and the epitome of a public servant. His is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in honoring Marcus W. Malczewski, Sr. for his lifetime of leadership and service to the community. His fifty-five years of exceptional devotion and continuous efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of Lake County is truly admirable. I ask that you join me in congratulating him and wishing him well upon his retirement.

IN HONOR OF KENDRA LEE MURRAY ADAMS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kendra Lee Murray Adams, who passed away on July 30, 2017 at the age of 39, following a brave battle with cancer. Originally from Pennsylvania, Kendra attended Gettysburg College, where she majored in political science. Upon graduation, her passion for politics brought her to Washington, D.C. and placed her on a bright and fulfilling career path.

I am speaking today because I had the good fortune of being a stop along that path. Kendra served as my scheduler and office manager when I first came to Congress in 2005. I've had many fine and dedicated staff members during my time in public service, and Kendra stands out among them. At a time when I was learning the protocols and procedure of this great institution, this blonde bombshell immersed herself in the details, and in many ways, was the heart of the operation. She embodied the essence of grace under fire, there was no need, demand, or logistical crisis that could ruffle her feathers. She would simply execute and make the whole process look effortless.

That, in and of itself, was exemplary. But Kendra was integral to our office family beyond that. She was a den mother of sorts on one hand, and she was our comedic relief and levity on the other. She was the kind of person one comes to rely on not only professionally, but also to soothe the soul. She left my office to work for my friend and colleague, the legendary Charlie Rangel, when he served as Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, and I know he joins me in saluting the public service, and indeed the life, of Kendra Adams, who was taken from us, far too soon.

Kendra was a privilege to know, a fantastic and dedicated worker with a terrific heart, whether serving with Horton's kids or just helping a friend through a tough time. Whether you knew her for years or just met her, you got the best of her from minute one.

In words written before her death, Kendra urged those she loved to not mourn but rather to "live life, go to the beach, go rock climbing, and skydiving. Do the things you want to do!" That exemplifies her spirit, her courage, and her life.

My heart, prayers, and condolences go out to Kendra's family, including her son, daughter, husband, father and sister, who were her pride and greatest joy.